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FLEETS NEAR BATTLE LINE.

JAP CRUISERS MOVING SOUTH TO MEET ROJESTVENSKY.

Many Russian Colliers Reported Captured-Part of Baltic Fleet Stopped at Kamranh Bay, Annam-Mysterious Warships Near Manila-May Be Russians,

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. HONGKONG, April 17.-The British steamer North Anglia reports that she sighted a strong fleet of cruisers proceeding south off Bombay Reef, 360 miles northeast of Kamranh Bay, on the night of April 14.

The warships were using their searchlights. Their nationality could not be learned, but from their position it is be-

lieved they were Japanese WARSHIPS SIGHTED NEAR MANILA.

MANUA. April 17.-Coasting vessels that have arrived here report sighting a warship vesterday and two cruisers to-day. The nationality could not be learned.

The vessel sighted yesterday is probably the mysterious warship which sent wireless despatches that were received at Cavite on Sunday, and which did not reply to a message from the flagship Rainbow when she asked if the warship wished to communicate with Manila.

PART OF FLEET AT KAMBANH BAY. SINGAPORE, Straits Settlements, April 17. The German steamship Prinz Heinrich, which has arrived here from Hongkong. passed a portion of the Russian fleet at Kamranh Bay, on the coast of Annam, French Indo-China, last Friday, THE SUN correspondent, who was aboard the Prinz Heinrich, observed five battleships, six cruisers and a number of colliers anchored in the bay, which is a landlocked harbor about 200 miles northeast of Saigon.

The Japanese fleet, except its scouts, is north of Hongkong. The Japanese have six battleships and eight first class cruisers ready for action, besides twelve converted merchantmen, which are used for scouting

Capt. Osawa, a member of Prince Arisugawa's suite on board the Prinz Heinrich, who witnessed the various actions at Port Arthur, told THE SUN correspondent that the Japanese would raise all the Russian ships sunk in the harbor there. He said that Admiral Togo's fleet was eager to meet the Russians.

It is reported that a portion of Rojestvensky's fleet is expected at Manila.

Tokio, April 17.-The Admiralty has been informed from a source that is beyond doubt that the Russian fleet was anchored in Kamranh Bay, on the coast of Annam, 200 miles northeast of Saigon, at dawn on April 14.

EUSSIAN COLLIERS REPORTED CAPTURED. SAIGON, Cochin China, April 17.-The Japanese have captured a large number of colliers off the coast of Cochin China. They were part of Rojestvensky's fleet. Since leaving Europe Admiral Rojestvensky has lost only eight men by disease

out of the 18,000 he had with him. Admiral De Jonquière has rejoined the French cruiser Descartes at Kamranh Bay. BATTLE EXPECTED HOURLY.

PARIS, April 17.-The St. Petersburg Russian Admiralty is hourly expecting to hear of an encounter between the fleets in the China Sea.

A despatch to the Petil Journal from Haiphong, Tonquin, says that a coaster which has arrived there reports that she passed forty Russian vessels Friday night in latitude 17 degrees north. They were steaming north at the rate of 12 knots

with their lights out. St. Petersburg, April 17 .- A number of naval officers have been ordered to Libau, in connection, it is assumed, with the proposed despatch of a fourth squadron to

the Far East. COUNTED THIRTY-THREE SHIPS. LONDON, April 17.-Lloyds' agent at

Singapore wires that the German steamship Devawongse reports that she passed the Russian fleet last Friday about 13 degrees north latitude. The vessels were lying to. A despatch from Hongkong says the

German steamship Brunhilde reports that a Russian warship fired a blank shot across her bows last Thursday off Cape Padaran, a little south of Kamranh Bay. The Russians boarded the Brunhilde, and on ascertaining that she carried rice from Bangkok for Hongkong they allowed her to proceed. The officers of the Brunhilde say that the cruiser which hailed them was in good condition. Many other Russian ships could be seen, thirty-three being counted. They were steaming northeast. FLEETS' POSITIONS NOT ABSOLUTELY KNOWN

London, April 18.-The Japanese maintain secrecy concerning their fleet and the various reports received here do not absolutely establish the whereabouts of the Russian fleet. Some assert that the Russians are still at Kamranh Bay, while others say they have left there and are in the neighborhood of Hongkong. A report that they formed two separate squadrons steering different courses is not confirmed. Thus the positions of the rival fleets are much a matter of guessing.

Despatches from Tokio report indignation over France's supposed indifference to her neutrality, but it is pointed out in some quarters here that if there has been a technical breach of neutrality France is hardly responsible, seeing that Kamranh could not ave afforded the Russians coal supplies. it being only a fishing village on the shore of the bay, and presumably there is no local official there with sufficient authority to act.

The story about the Japanese capturing a number of Admiral Rojestvensky's colliers is not confirmed. Lloyds has heard nothing about it.

The localities of the skirmishes reported in Manchuria show that the Russians are still well to the south of the Changehunkirin line. There is nothing to indicate an immediate Japanese advance.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says he learns that a Russian column, which penetrated to Meian, forty miles Southeast of Tieling, on April 11, gained onfirmation of the reports of a wide Japanese flanking movement in the direction of hirin. It was a daring and clever reconnoissance on the part of the Russians and took the Japanese by surprise.

The correspondent claims to be able to riale authoritatively that Admiral Roastvensky is able to keep the Ministry of larine informed as to his whereabouts and movements. It is reported that a Russian

merchantman has cut the Formosa cable. GIGANTIC SWINDLING SCHEME. but the Government does not confirm this. An official report on recruiting during the east year shows that 1,004,075 men were liable to serve. Of this number 41,489 illegally refrained from joining the colors.

There were 57,440 Jews liable to service and 21,164 of them dose ted. Cessacks Driven Back.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
TOKIO, April 17.—Army headquarters reports that 700 Cossacks on Saturday penetrated as far as Sanyenching, on the Faku men road, northwest of Mukden. That

GORKI MAY NOT BE TRIED. State Attorney Recommends That Charges

eight dead behind them.

of Treason Be Dropped Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, April 17 .- A despatch to the Standard from St. Petersburg says that the State Attorney has recommended that the proceedings against Maxim Gorki, the novelst, who is charged with treason, be quashed. is now in the Crimea.

TEAM IN THE DRUG STORE. Fire Horses Crash Through Show Window Hobson's Choice, Says Driver.

Bill Leonard, driving the tender of Engine 53, got to Lexington avenue and 104th street at 7 o'clock last night when the crossing was jammed with street cars and trucks A dozen children were playing in the entrance to 106th street. Leonard was sending his horses along at a stiff gallop and he had about ten seconds to think about the best thing to do. He couldn't turn into 106th street without knocking down and probably killing a few children and he couldn't get through the jam without maiming or killing his horses by running into street cars or trucks.

Leonard swung on the off line and turned his team to the curb. The horses went over the sidewalk and crashed into the show window of Betzel's drug store. The heads of both horses went through the window and what damage the horses didn't do was accomplished by the pole of the tender. The plate glass was shivered and a collection of bottles and goods in the window was scattered. The horses would have plunged on through had their feet not caught in a window grating.

Both horses dropped badly hurt and Leonard was thrown from the tender A woman in the drug store fainted and several other customers ran out the back

Leonard explained to a policeman that smashing into the drug store was the only thing left to him. One of the horses may have to be shot, as it was badly cut about the head and neck. The other was not seriously hurt. Leonard got off with a bruise or two.

The firemen found that they had been called out on a false alarm. The call was from Lexington avenue and 112th street.

BARRETT ENTERTAINS GERMANS Minister at Panama Gives Banquet for Officers of the Falke.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PANAMA, April 17.-Minister Barrett gave banquet to-day in honor of the Captain and officers of the German cruiser Falke correspondent of the Journal says that the | Foreign Minister Guardia and other Panama officials, Gov. Davis of the Canal Zone, the German Consul and the officers of the United States steamer Wyoming were present. Toasts to the German Emperor and the Presidents of the United States and Panama were exchanged. A new crew has just arrived at Colon for the Falke which will now go on a cruise to the Central American ports, after which she will visit American Pacific Coast ports and Alaska.

JOSEPH JEFFERSON VERY LOW The Veteran Actor's Condition Critical

-His Family Telegraphed For. WEST PALM BRACH, Fla., April 17 .- The condition of Joseph Jefferson, the actor,

who is ill here, is critical to-night. Dr. Potter, the attending physician, said late to-night that the actor is very low. All members of the family who are not here have been telegraphed for.

TROLLEY CAR SMASHED.

Had Only One Passenger Aboard and Was Hit Amidships by a Crowded Car.

A misplaced switch at Broadway and Marcy avenue, Williamsburg, caused a collision yesterday between a car of the Broadway line and another of the Reid avenue line, and a dozen persons were hurt. The Reid avenue car was going east and the only passenger was Lewis H. Leonard of 63 Whipple street. The Broadway car, going west to cross the Williamsburg Bridge o Manhattan, was filled with passengers. The motorman of the Reid avenue car thought the switch was set for him to continue up Broadway. Instead, the car turned on the switch into Marcy avenue

just as the Broadway car approached.

The Broadway car struck the Reid avenue car amidships and wrecked it completely car amidships and wrecked it completely. The broken glass scattered over the passengers in the Broadway car, and those who escaped cuts and bruises sustained severe shocks. Leonard was caught in the wreckage of the Reid avenue car, and the conductor was knocked down. They were attended by Ambulance Surgeon Short of the Eastern District Hospital, and taken to their homes. The others who were injured were treated at the scene of the accident and went home. The road was blocked dent and went home. The road was blocked nearly an hour.

SHARP TALK TO GRAND JURORS.

Justice Gaynor Says Things About the Drawing of Jurors in Queens. FLUSHING, L. I., April 17 .- In charging the Queens County Grand Jury to-day Supreme Court Justice Gaynor said: "At this term I was compelled to summon 100 men in order to get three working panels of forty men. This is a scandal on the administration of justice. A few years ago when I came here you had the best panel in this judicial district. I do not place much importance on the property qualification. I prefer a man without property to an ignorant property holder. The present conditions are a dis graceful state of affairs. When I come again to this county if I find that the drawing of jurors is not properly done I will not leave until the Commissioner is indicated.

issioner is indicted. "When I was sitting last in Long Island City I heard that people were paying money to secure exemption from jury duty. The information came to me so direct that I could scarcely help believing it. With bould scarcely help believing it. With your assistance I hope that the next time I come to this county we will have men on the jury as competent as those we had seven years ago. I will speak to the Dis-trict Attorney further about this matter and we will be in consultation about it.

FORMER CONGRESSMAN FROM IN-DIANA AT THE HEAD.

Between Two and Three Million Dollars Brawn From the Credatous Public -Fraud Orders Against the Ubero Piantation and the Consolidated Ubero Plantation Company of Hoston,

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- William D. Owen, former member of Congress from Indiana, night the Japanese attacked them and drove former Secretary of State of Indiana and them northward in confusion. They left former minister of the Gospel, organizer and promoter of the Ubero Plantation Company of Indiana, the Mexican Coffee and Rubber Company of Indiana, the Ubero Plantation Company of Boston and the Consolidated Ubero Plantation Company, also of Boston, has gone to Europe, and thousands of investors in the stocks and bonds of the companies are holding the sack. The sack is empty. The facts are set forth in a mem orandum of the Attorney-General for the Post Office Department accompanying a Gorki, who is suffering from consumption, fraud order which was issued to-day against

the two Boston concerns. It is also said that Arthur W. Stedman and Frederick G. Hood, two men prominent in Boston business and social circles. president and vice-president respectively of the Consolidated Ubero Company, are likewise absent in Europe. Judge U. Wiley of Indiana, at present Judge of the Indiana Appellate Court, is named as the reasurer of this company.

The investigation conducted by the deartment through Inspector Shaw, one of the oldest and most experienced Secret Service men in the Government employ, disclosed one of the most gigantic and baldest frauds that have been perpetrated in recent years. William D. Owen is said to have been the prime mover in the entire swindle and presumably the chief beneficiary. Frederick Borges, another Indianan, was partner in the deal. Borges, it is reported to the department, has a record r serving terms in the penitentiary at liet and at Pittsburg.

How much money was of tained from the credulous public by the schemes of these men is a matter of conjecture, but is is be-lieved to be at least one million, and probably two or three million dollars. There is little prospect of any satisfaction to the investors, as it is stated at the office of the Attorney-General for the Post Office Depart ment that Owen and Borges undoubtedly received excellent legal advice in forming heir scheme, and it is a question whether ey can be held in a civil or criminal action Borges is said to be so confident of securit, hat he has remained in Boston.

Owen embarked in his Mexican plantaion scheme shortly after retiring from he office of Secretary of State in Indiana 1898. He first organized a company known as the Ubero, in which Indiana people were largely interested, which held immediate out alluring promises of immediate re-urns on the investment. The transactions of that company have not been investigated by the Lepartment, however, the inquiry being confined to the two Boston con-cerns, with which Owen entered upon a wider sphere of activity. He and Borges first organized the Ubero Plantation Com-pany of Boston and interested prominent

The proposition was the development of and rubber plantation of 3,000 acres, which the company was to purchase from the Louisiana Puerto Company, Owen and Borges constituting the Louisiana Puerto Company. The Ubero company Puerto Company. The Ubero company was to pay \$750,000 for this land, and eviwas to pay \$150,000 for this land, and evidence shows that more than \$300,000 was paid to the Louisiana Puerto Company but that the Ubero company never became possessed of the title to a single acre.

The stock in the company was put on the rket on the monthly installment Extensive advertising was done and it was represented that the company was making sufficient money while developing the property to pay dividends of 10 per annually. Such dividends were paid the investigation disclosed that they aid from the funds of the investors and that there had been practically no development of the property, hence no returns war-

Representatives of the company who appeared at the hearing before the Attorney ieneral acknowledged that the funds he investors had been fraudulently duced, misappropriated and dissipated said in defence that the directors of company as well as the investors had been deceived by Owen, who had had entire charge of the affairs of the company and who since the crash had fled to Europe Emboldened by their success with

Emboldened by their success with this company, Owen and Borges next organized the Consolidated Ubero Plantation Compeny, issued bonds to the amount of \$2,260-000 and sold both bonds and stocks on monthly payments. This company was to develop 6,000 acres of Mexican lands, which it was to purchase through the Tropical Sureties Company (Owen and Borges again) from the Mexican Coffee and Rubber Company, an Indiana concern. The ru company was capitalized at \$89,000 and the fraudulent character of the t The rubber action is evidenced by the fact that the Consolidated company was to pay it \$300,000 for property said to be worth not over \$40,000 or \$50,000.

Of the 6,000 acres of land 2,735 are still virgin forest, 1,087 are valueless and only 1.235 have been planted, nothing having resulted from this development. To sell the bonds and stock, representations were made and fulfilled that dividends would accrue immediately, the names of promi-nent men were widely heralded as officers and directors, and Owen and Borges even went so far as to put a special brand of coffee on the market in special packages, labelled as the product of the Consolidated ompany. Investors were urged to use their own coffee." Investigation proved that not a grain of coffee had been produced

on the property.
In concluding his statement in regard to the case, the Assistant Attorney-General

iniquity is clearly apparent from the developments which have brought the case to the attention of the Department. The plan of Owen and Borges in both of these plan of Owen and Borges in both of these companies was to secure the names of prominent men to create an appearance of stability and then, by alluring literature and the payment of fraudulent dividends, to give the scheme the appearance of a profitable enterprise. The development work done at the plantation was solely for the purpose of misleading visiting directors and investors. All the funds of the company, which would of course have to be used for the purpose of purchasing the land and developing the property, were discontinuously the property. land and developing the property, were di-verted to the pockets of the promoters through the medium of selling companies, who also undertook to develop the property. As the properties were not developed and not even transferred to the other com-panies, investors to-day have nothing to

show for their money."

Representatives of the companies asked that fraud orders be not issued and promised to do everything that could be done to save something for the investors, but nasmuch as large amounts of money are till pouring into the companies from in-vectors making good their monthly install-Postmaster-General Cortely pided that the fraud orders should issue.

It is said that Owen and Borges have persted in other cities and floated similar plantation companies, but the report of the aspector deals only with the Boston concerns. Cieveland and Toledo are said to be

two cities where they have operated. insist upon having Burnett's Vanilla The Paster and Members Together Ga

over to the Baptists. Manchaug, Mass., April 17 .- An independent French Catholic Church here has become Protestant, and the pastor, the Rev. A. E. Ribourg, and his forty-two parishioners have been formally received

into the Baptist denomination. They were formerly communicants of the regular Roman Catholic parish here, but they withdrew from the parent church, which has 1,100 members, two or three years ago, as the result of differences with the

The dissenters built an independent church and made Father Ribourg pastor. He belonged to the Roman Catholic Church in France, but became a follower of the Old Catholic movement in Europe. At Manchaug the Catholic ritual was continued, but recently the little parish accepted Protestant principles, largely through the influence of French Baptist missionaries. After an investigation by the Baptist authorities of the State it was decided to accept the dissenters, and yesterday they were baptized according to the rites of the Church. The Rev. Mr. Ribourg will continue as pastor.

WOULD DIVORCE W. D. WALKER. Announcement of Suit Follows Close on

News That They'd Been Married. PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 17 .- A little more than three weeks ago it became known that Wilfred D. Walker, son of John Brisben Walker, had been married on June 2 to Beatrice J. Francis Dillworth, member of the "Chinese Honeymoon" company. To-day it was learned Mrs. Walker had

brought suit here for divorce. The papers in the case were signed by Mrs. Walker last Tuesday at the office of her counsel, Willis B. Richardson. In her petition, which was filed Saturday, Mrs. Walker says she has always conducted herself as a true and faithful wife, while her husband's conduct has been such that she cannot live with him again. She alleges that he has deserted her and treated her with extreme cruelty. She also asks for an allowance out of his estate and property, for her maintenance and support and

LIVED 19 DAYS ON MONKEY FLESH sergeant Cavin's Tale of Troop Lost in the Mindanao Jungle.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.-Lost in the jungles of Mindanao, a troop of United States cavalry subsisted for nineteen days on monkeys. The troopers were finally found by scouting parties. Sergt John Cavin of the Fourteenth cavalry arrived here yesterday on the transport Sherman and told of the experience of the men. Cavin was in charge of the rescuing party. He said:

"I was with Gen. Wood in Mindanao fighting the Moros. I was on scouting duty and when the troops were lost I was sent to find them. The men had two days rations when they went into the mountains and the supply soon ran out. The jungles abound with monkeys and the men shot and ate the animals rather than starve. They became accustomed to the food and for nineteen days lived on monkey flesh alone. When found only two of the troop were exhausted as the monkey meat didn't agree with them.

WOULD OUST SENATOR PLATT. ocates of New Postal Laws Stirring

tp Sentiment Against Him. CINCINNATI, April 17.-E. P. Wilson, secretary of the Cincinnati Board of Trade, and the officials of many other Cincinnati commercial organizations received a letter to-day from the Post Check Currency Bureau at Washington asking for the aid of these organizations in the movement to expel Thomas C. Platt from the United States Senate. The letter says:

"If you found that a person in your em-oy was receiving a larger salary from competitor, what would you do with your "If there are members of Congress who

receive larger salaries from railroads or other large corporations whom they repre-sent than from the Government, what should be done with them?" The purpose of the bureau is to secure

the passage of a parcels post bill, a money order bill and other legislation. In the letter is an affidavit from Clarence E. Dawson to the effect that Platt said to Dawson "I am opposed to this legislation because it would come in conflict with my express nev order business. The letter states that there should be a reduction of the amounts paid by the Government to the railroads for carrying mail

system. PUPILS STRIKE AGAINST JAPS. 300 Quit in South Omaha Because of Feel-

that this reduction would perm

the establishment of the one cent postage

ing Caused by Strike. OMAHA, Neb., April 17.-Three hundred pupils of the Lowell School at South Omaha refused to attend school or to permit other

pupils to enter the school building to-day. A riot among the pupils was prevented by the police. The trouble grew out of the attendance at the school of two Japanese boys, sons of Japanese laborers who helped to break

of Japanese latories who length to oreak the strike in the packing houses last sum-mer. Many of the white pupils are sons of the strikers, and feeling has been growing among them against the Japanese pupils since they entered the school. This morning three hundred of the white pupils walked out and declared that they would not attend school and that no other pupils should do so until the Japanese were

excluded. The police dispersed the mob and escorted the two Japanese boys into the building. Only twenty-five or thirty white pupils attended the school to-day.

CAUGHT A ZOO DEER. Mrs. Ewing of Yonkers Sights a Missing Doe and Notifies the Household.

YONKERS, N. Y., April 17 .- A doe, one of a herd of deer that escaped recently from the Zoo in The Bronx, was caught this morning on the property of Thomas Ewing. Jr., 616 Palisade avenue, this city. Mrs. Ewing, upon looking out of a window was astonished to see a deer grazing complacently in a meadow near the house She called Mr Ewing and he with his son Thomas went out and captured the doe with the help of workmen on the place. Her legs were bound and she was taken in a wagon to the stable to await the arrival of the Zoo keepers.

DEWEY'S PORT WINE AND GRAPE JUICE Cannot be excelled for the sick. H. T. Dewcy & Sons Co., 138 Fulton St., New York.

EASTER AT OLD POINT COMPORT. day tour via Pennsylvania Railroad to Old ni Comfort, Richmond and Washington April 27. e covering necessary expenses \$36. Special ets to Old Point Comfort \$17. See ticket agents.

CATHOLIC CHURCH APOSTATES. FRENCH STRIKERS SHOT DOWN

BUILD BARRICADES IN LIMOGES STREET TO RESIST TROOPS.

Attack the Prison in an Attempt to Release Compades-Not Checked by Blank Cartridge Fire-Raid Residences to Get Furniture for the Barriendes. Special Cable Despuich to THE SUN.

LIMOGES, April 17.-The strike of the porcelain workers here continues to be marked by disorder. The strikers attacked the prison late this evening in an attempt to free four of their companions who were arrested yesterday. They were trying vainly to break down the doors when a detach ment of dragoons arrived and charged the rioters and scattered them for the time being. Subsequently they regathered and tore

down the railings of a fence around the square and held up a tram car, which they sought to overturn to make a barricade They did not succeed. Then they raided neighboring residences, seizing furniture with which they barricaded the streets. They tied ropes and wires across the thoroughfares to strengthen their barri-

Meanwhile the dragoons were reenforced and they again charged the mob. Their horses stumbled over the ropes and wires and many of the riders were thrown. The men behind the barricade hailed stones and other missiles upon them. The dragoons were then ordered to fire

at first with blank and afterward with ball cartridges. It is stated that two men were killed and several wounded. The soldiers made repeated charges, but were always met with a torrent of missiles.

With much difficulty they ultimately cleared the square, driving the rioters into the surrounding streets. More trouble is feared, and additional troops have been ordered to the scene.

A BOY'S GREAT GRIP ON LIFE. Three Weeks Ill With Spinal Meningitis and Has Had Nothing to Eat.

Physicians in the northern part of Hudson ounty, N. J., are puzzled over the case of Louis Holzwarth, the seven-year-old son of Louis Holzwarth, a hotel keeper on the Hudson Boulevard, North Bergen. The boy was stricken with cerebro espinal meningitis three weeks ago. He has had frequent convulsions and has been unconscious from the first day of his illness.

The patient has not eaten anything since he became ill and does not retain nourishment. He has become greatly emaciated and physicians marvel at his vitality. Dr. Ayres, a New York specialist, was called in yesterday. Mr. Holzwarth said last night that the physicians called the case a very remarkable one. The boy's condition remained unchanged at a late hour.

TWO END CAROUSE IN DEATH. Herbert Gorham and William Fagen Sulcides in Denver.

DENVER, Col., April 17 .- Herbert Gorham and William Fagen were found dead in a hovel on Clarkson street this morning. They had evidently killed themselves by taking cyanide of potassium. Gorhan is a member of the silversmith family and said to have been prominent in New

He came West to reform and met Fagen, the son of a wealthy Philadelphian. They come insenarable and used their regula remittances from home in carousing. It is believed from fragments of letters found that their relatives had grown weary of furnishing them money and that they decided to die together.

Until a month ago a man named Brown had been living with Gorbam and Fagen. The latter, who was slender and in poor health, did the cooking for the trio while Gorham and Brown, when funds were low, sought odd jobs. Brown got a steady job. and left his friends. The owner of the lovel says that about a week ago Fagen got remittance, which he refused to share with Gorham, and a quarrel followed. Fa-gen paid the rent and the landlord left them cursing each other. Since that time neither Gorham nor Fagen

has been seen outside their home, nor has any one been seen to enter it. This morning the landlord went to the place and rapped on the door. He got no response. He forced the door open and found both men dead. A police surgeon was called and after an examination declared that both had died from cyanide poisoning.

CONFESSIONS OF A POLICY MAN. A Sentence of Six Months Unioosens Tongue

of Abbott, Who Accuses Police. "We are going to break up policy playing in Brooklyn," said Judge Aspinall yester day in the County Court in Brooklyn to Charles Abbott, 28 years old, who had been convicted of selling policy tickets.

"In dealing with you men," continued the Judge, "I started out with this plan: First offence, a suspended sentence; that did not work. Second offence, a fine; that did not work. On the third offence I sent you to jail, where I am told you had a great time and lived high in 'Politicians' Row'; that didn't work. Now I am going to see what a term in the penitentiary will do. If that doesn't work next time we'll try a good stiff term in Sing Sing. Six months in the penitentiary."

William Warren, 25 years old, and Joseph Melville, 51 years old, also were sent to the penitentiary for three months each on a similar offence, and Michael Sylvester got off with twenty-nine days in jail. After entence had been pronounced Abbott said he wanted to speak to the Judge. When he

was brought back he said:
"I am the only one that suffered, and I am getting starvation wages for other people's crimes. I know as a fact that the police are receiving money from the real backers of the game, but I cannot prove it, and it is we unfortunates that are sent to prison. I am employed by Steve O'Brien who lives on Fighteenth avenue. O'Brien, who lives on Eighteenth avenue, Bath Beach, and has a gambling house on High street. I have known him for the last fourteen years, and work for him."

"Where does he have the relief the relief."

"Where does he keep the policy shop?" asked Judge Aspinall. "At 39 High street," said Abbott. In answer to other questions asked by the udge. Abbott said: "One backer is named Judge, Abbott said: Jake Shepsey, and he gets 50 per cent. Delehanty used to be a backer, but I think he is out of the business now." "Who goes on the bonds and who pays the fines?" asked Judge Aspinall. "My bond was furnished by Steve O'Brien,"

"Where are the drawings conducted?"
"At Covington, Ky. They are sent out and there are runners who bring the printed slips to the policy men. These slips are printed in Manhattan." said Abbott.

"Do the telephone companies send the drawings?" "The telephones of the city are used for arrying on the business," said Abbott, carrying on the business, said Abbott, but I cannot tell whether it is with the consent of the telephone companies.

FOUR NEWSBOYS DEAD IN CRUSH. AGENTS ARE FOR ALEXANDER Fifteen Others Seriously Hurt in Rush

After Getting Free Tickets. INDIANAPOLIS, April 17 .- In a mad rush from Masonic Hall to-night, caused by nothing more than a hurry to get out of the building to the street and attended by no cause for excitement, four newsboys were trampled to death and fifteen others were so seriously injured that many of them may die

from the second story of the building there were heartrending cries from the little fellows who were being trampled to death, but those behind continued to There was but one policeman at the scene and it appeared that he was powerless to

As the rush continued down the steps

who had met in the hall for the purpose of sharing in a free distribution of tickets to an entertainment. Those present represented all ages, from years to 15, and it was the little fellows

control the crowd of several hundred boys

who were caught in the jam after the distribution had taken place and were crushed to death. One little boy not more than 12 years of

age reached the street before the crush began. When he saw the boys falling and others trampling them under foot he rushed into the street and got a brick. Standing at the edge of the door he dragged several out on the sidewalk and with brick upraised threatened to kill the first one that trampled upon the prostrate forms. His action deflected the crowd as it reached the sidewalk and doubtless saved many

AMERICAN ATTACKED IN CHINA. Missionary Named Kennedy Wounded or Killed Near Hangehow.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. SHANGHAL, April 17 .- An American missionary of the name of Kennedy was attacked by more than a hundred marauders at Kuhongsien, forty miles from Hangchow. One report states that he was severely wounded, and another says he was killed. No details are given.

HAD HATPIN IN HIS THIGH. No Idea How It Got There-Laid His Pains to Rheumatism.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., April 17 .- A hatpin, seven inches long, has just been extracted from the thigh of Charles Anderson of Long Meadow. Anderson had been in poor health for nearly a year. He diagnosed his case as chronic rheumatism, and came to the Mercy Hospital in this city for treatment.

The pain in his thigh became so severe that he was able to sleep only after opiates had been administered. It was decided to put Mr. Anderson under the X-ray. While the surgeons were placing him in position one of them received a slight scratch by contact with Mr. Anderson's heumatic thigh. Examination revealed that the scratch

came from a pin like object. It was drawn fro.n the leg with a forceps and proved to be a hatpin. Anderson is at a loss to account for its presence. FILIPINOS GIVE BIG BAIL.

Supplies to the Ladrones. ecial Cable Despatch to THE SUN. MANILA, April 17.-Pedro Roxas, who is under arrest on the charge of furnishing supplies to the ladrones, and Administrator Oliva, who is accused of complicity the offence, have been released on \$50,000 and \$25,000 bail respectively. The most influential Filipinos signed their bonds. The native press continues to cen-

sure the Government for the arrests. The trial by court-martial of Major Frank Carrington on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman began to-day. Major Carrington, who is under sentence of forty years imprisonment for the embezzlement of Government funds, pleaded not guilty.

LEAVES EASTMAN COLLEGE. The Student Mistaken for a Negro Will

Complete His Course in This City. POUGHKEEPSTE, April 17.-E. C. V. Daniels of St. Thomas, whose Moorish blood caused him to be mistaken for a negro by fellow students at Eastman College, withdrew from the college to-day. went to New York with President Gaines, and he will complete his course at the New

York Business Institute.

SWINDLED HIS JAILER. Francis Burton Improved His Time in Prison by a \$15,000 Mining Deal.

Boston, April 17 .- Supt. Gerrish of the House of Correction, Deer Island, admits that he was swindled out of \$15,000 by Francis Burton while the latter was serving eighteen months for defrauding the New York Central Railroad by securing \$2,500 on pretext that he had been injured in a

Burton represented to Gerrish and T. E. Bates, an employee at the island, that he had valuable mining property in Colorado. Gerrish says he was "badly taken in." but finds consolation in the fact that he has something left. "It was my money, to do what I liked

with," said he. "They say, you know, that you must get nipped once. Besides, that chap Burton was no ordinary filmflammer. He could make any one think black was white. If I knew as much about him then as I do now, I not only would compel him to serve out his time in full, but, what is more, I'd try to keep him behind

the bars as long as possible." 10 YEARS AT \$7,000 A YEAR, Comr. McAdoe Would Take It, but Yet He Doesn't Want It.

"Not a word of truth in it," said Commissioner McAdoo regarding the story that it was arranged that he should be made a City Magistrate. "No such luck." "Why, would you like the change?" he was

"No such luck for some people, I meant," e replied. "I wasn't thinking of myself den. No, I am staying here. I don't ant that place. The Mayor heard the want that place. The Mayor heard the rumor the other day and was laughing at

"You wouldn't refuse the place if it was offered to you, would you," a pertinacious reporter asked.

"I would not," he replied.

"Mr. McAdoo," said the Mayor yesterday, "will retain his present office as long as he wants to keep it while I am in office. I am satisfied with his work in the Police Deartment. I have not heard that there are partment. I have not heard that there are influences at work to get him out of the department or that he is a candidate for any other office."

After all, USHER'S, the Scotch that made the shball famous. It is the bost.—Ade.

CAUCUS OF 180 OF THEM, 40 RE-MAINING OUTSIDE.

Equitable Scandal Has Knocked Business Flat-One Party Wants to Call for Hyde's Resignation Forthwith-Company Paying Bills at the Savey-Hyde Falls to Offer Any Proof That Alexander Shared in Underwriting Syndicates, and Alexander's Denial Is Reaffirmed.-Alleged Attempt to Lure Him Into Taking Part of the Profits.

The general agents of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, who have been summoned here for a conference to be held this morning at the Hotel Savoy, had a caucus last night to determine their attitude in the factional strife now going on in the society, and decided by an overwhelming vote to indorse President Alex-

There are 220 of the agents, who are really district managers, here to attend the conference, which will be held at 10:30 this morning. The agents are lodged at the Savoy at the expense of the society. About 180 attended the caucus, which was called in the interests of the Alexander faction. The forty who stayed away seemed to be favorable to the Alexander side in the present controversy, but some of them explained that they did not believe in the utility of a caucus and didn't want to be bound by it.

The caucus was held in the ballroom of the Hotel Netherland, across the street from the Savoy. It lasted nearly three hours and hot speeches were made. agents were divided into two camps. The radicals, who were made up largely of the New York agents, were in favor of presenting a resolution to the conference today calling for the immediate resignation of James H. Hyde. They said that as long as Mr. Hyde remained connected with the society it was impossible to get the public to take policies. Some of them said that as a result of the scandal their business had fallen to as low as 2 per cent. of what it was a year ago.

Julius Bohm, who has one of the largest agencies in this city, located at 605 Broadway, even went so far as to urge that the agents take matters into their own hands and discover if Mr. Hyde had done anything criminal.

"Let us submit to an assessment and hire Joseph H. Choate or some other lawyer of high standing to take the evidence and bring it before the Grand Jury, if need be, suggested Mr. Bohm. "We cannot stand We have been this thing any longer. asked to be charitable, but we have been too charitable. We can stop this thing only by being able to tell people that Mr. Hyde is out. We might as well find other jobs if we cannot give this assurance." Some of the others seemed to agree with

Mr. Bohm's views, but in the end the servatives won, largely because of the influence of E. O. Jones of Pittsburg, who was managing the Alexander-Tarbell campaign and controlled the caucus. The resolution that was finally adopted and by which all those present agreed to be bound Roxas and Oliva Charged With Furnishing simply affirmed the confidence of the general agents of the company in President Alexander. It did not even go so far, it is said, as to indorse his administration, it being urged that a personal indorsement would show convincingly enough where those

engaged in the field work stood. Several agents left the caucus in a huff and refused to be bound by what had been done. They refused to talk about their troubles, except to say that the action didn't suit them. They let it be inferred

that it was too mild. WHITE FLOWER THE ALEXANDER BADGE As fast as the agents arrived yesterday hey were made for by emissaries of the Alexander and Hyde forces, and buttonholing and lobbying went on all day long. The Alexander faction was represented by Gage E. Tarbell, who spent all day and all the evening handshaking, and had others to assist him. Mr. Hyde was represented

by H. H. Knowles, supervisor of agencies.

The managers of Mr. Alexander's side ordered dozens of white carnations sent to the hotel, and asked every agent who stood for their side to put one in his buttonhole When the carnations gave out white rose were sent for, and a few had to go decorated with bunches of sweet peas, all white. There were no violets seen. By evening few buttonholes were without the white flowers, which the Alexander men said stood for purity. There are five or six women among the general agents, and they all wore white flowers. So did all the wives and women folks of the agents.

HYDE TO BE AT TO-DAY'S MEETING. The meeting to-day, it is expected, will be warm. Mr. Alexander is to preside. as it was he who called the agents together. In addition to Mr. Alexander the only other officers present will be Mr. Tarbell and Mr. Hyde. The announcement that Mr. Hyda would surely be there was made last night and caused some surprise. According to one story, Mr. Hyde wasn't asked at first, but insisted upon being present. It was said last night that it was his intention to get up before all the agents and tell them his whole story. Some of the Hyde men said that the programme arranged by the Alexander side might get a rude

jolt after Mr. Hyde made his speech. Mr. Hyde did not appear in the button holing game personally yesterday, but Mr. Alexander spent some time in the afternoon assisting Mr. Tarbell Mr. Tarbell hired a room upstairs and took agents one by one with him there for private talks. There was a disposition among some of the agents, when they first arrived, to postpone action until the Frick committee had made its report. Most of those who favored this subsequently agreed to vote for the Alexander resolution, so that the Alexander men semed very happy last night. Mr. Tarbell refused to say much about what was happening.

"The agents have been summoned," he said, "owing to the unusual situation. There will be a free discussion, and they will decide what action must be taken to increase the business of the society. That

is what they were called together for." "We are here to learn the truth," said one of the largest agents. "Some of us want to know who, if any one, is guilty of wrongdoing, and see him put out of the society so that it will be run as a real life insurance business for the benefit of the policyholders and not for a Wall Street clique. we remove this suspicion we can't do any

Some of the agents said that they would have quit before this if the rule did not obtain among the companies that no agent